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1. DUTET, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR AT THE ELYSEE,
HAS GIVEN ECON/COM MIN HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE GISCARD-
SCHMIDT SUMMIT. DUTET SAID IT HAD BEEN AN EXCELLENT
MEETING. THE ATMOSPHERE HAD BEEN "VERY, VERY GOOD."

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THERE HAD BEEN A SIMILARITY OF VIEWS APPROACHING IDENTITY

ON PRACTICALLY ALL QUESTIONS (A NOTABLE EXCEPTION BEING AGRICULTURAL PRICES).

2. BRITISH RENEGOTIATION - DUTET SAID THE STARTING POINT OF THE DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION WAS THE DESIRE OF BOTH GISCARD AND SCHMIDT TO KEEP THE UK IN THE EC. THE GOF REITERATED ITS ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE MECHANISM BUT AGAIN MADE CLEAR THAT THE COMMUNITY'S OWN RESOURCES (I.E., CUSTOMS DUTIES AND AGRICULTURAL LEVIES) MUST NOT BE TOUCHED. THE FRENCH HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE USE OF THE TVA-BASED NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN APPLYING THE CORRECTIVE MECHANISM. DUTET SAID SCHMIDT SUPPORTED THIS POSITION. HE ADDED THAT GISCARD AND SCHMIDT EXPRESSED THEIR APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS IN PRINCIPLE BUT AGREED THEY NEEDED REFINEMENT TO REFLECT THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS MORE FAITHFULLY (DUTET WAS VAGUE ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANT, WHICH IS NOT SURPRISING GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEM).

3. AGRICULTURE - DUTET SAID DIFFERENCES REMAINED BETWEEN THE GERMANS AND THE FRENCH ON EC AGRICULTURAL PRICES. HE SAID THE TWO SIDES WERE IN BASIC AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL LEVEL OF PRICE INCREASES (THOUGH HE DID NOT SPECIFY A FIGURE) BUT DISAGREED ON LEVELS FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, WITH THE FRENCH FAVORING MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTS THAN FOR VEGETABLE PRODUCTS AND THE GERMANS TAKING JUST THE OPPOSITE POSITION. HOWEVER, DUTET SAID, IT WAS CLEAR BY THE END OF THE TALKS THAT AGREEMENT WAS NOT FAR AWAY. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A REASONABLE HOPE THAT IT COULD BE REACHED IN EIGHT TO TEN DAYS.

4. THE FUTURE OF EUROPE - DUTET SAID THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION. HE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT GISCARD AND SCHMIDT WERE QUITE CLOSE IN THEIR VIEWS, NAMELY, THAT THEY BELIEVED THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPE SHOULD EMPHASIZE POLITICAL COOPERATION IN AREAS NOT COVERED BY THE TREATY OF ROME. THE GOAL OF POLITICAL UNIFICATION SHOULD BE PURSUED THROUGH FULLER UTILIZATION OF TECHNIQUES FOR STRENGTHENING POLITICAL COOPERATION, SUCH AS FREQUENT MEETINGS OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNENCUMBERED BY LARGE DELEGATIONS AND THROUGH DE-EMPHASIS OF THE "COMMUNITY BUREAUCRACY." DUTET ADDED THAT GISCARD (AND PRESUMABLY SCHMIDT) HAD NOT TURNED HIS BACK ON THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF A SUPRANATIONAL EUROPE BUT BELIEVED THIS SHOULD EVOLVE GRADUALLY FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL COOPERATION AMONG THE STATES.

5. DUTET'S ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON ENERGY WILL BE

COVERED IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

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